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ildings shown are the Rudolph Lange and Martin Guenther Dormitories, forming the southwest corner of the great quadrangle

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Our frontispiece is a view of a corner of Concordia Seminary taken with infrared filter by the Rev. Howard E. Mueller of Ottawa, Kans. The stonework and varicolored slate are strikingly registered on this beautiful photograph.

Mrs. Lena Cramer, member of Christ Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich., the Rev. Harry E. Olsen, pastor, in her last will and testament left $30,000 to the Ev. Lutheran Institute for the Deaf at Detroit. Her death occurred in March.

Many of our readers may have read the fine article on the "Protestant Reformation" which appeared in the June 14 issue of *Life* magazine. It would be definitely worth while, even at this late date, for those who have enjoyed the article to express their hearty approval to the editors. Address Life Magazine, Time and Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York 19, N. Y.

The total enrollment in the Lutheran elementary schools and in the Lutheran High School at Fort Wayne, Ind., is reported at 2,545 pupils, a gain of approximately 200 over last year. Local congregations of late have spent more than $700,000 on the construction and expansion of their parochial school system.

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, St. Paul, Minn., the Rev. Herbert Lindemann, pastor, beginning with the month of September, is observing the full calendar as printed on page 3 of the *Lutheran Hymnal,* with the celebration of Holy Communion on all minor festivals. The congregation has also arranged for a Matin service every day in its chapel at 7:15 in the morning.

The young man was an unchurched student at the University of Arkansas. His wife had been reared a Roman Catholic and at one time considered becoming a nun. After repeated visits by Student Pastor Marcus Lang the couple attended his services on the campus and joined the church membership class. Early in 1948 the husband and one-year-old baby were baptized, and the wife (and mother) was confirmed. One week after their reception into the Lutheran Church both left the campus — with a letter of transfer. By mid-1948 the young man had been elected trustee of the congregation to which he had been transferred, and his wife was active in the Lutheran Wom League in the area. — *Student Ser Commission Bulletin.*

Two markers making use of Scotch have been installed on the outskirts Chester, Ill., by the men's club of S John's Lutheran Church, directing the tention of passers-by to our church. advantage of using the new material in the fact that signs on which it is u show up equally well in daylight and

the dark when illuminated by automo headlights. The picture shows the mar as it appears at night. St. John's M Club is affiliated with the Lutheran L men's League, as the picture indicates.

The mystifying headlines "L. E. A. C vention Features Amsterdam" stared many of our readers on p. 305 of the issue of the WITNESS. The original vers was "World Council of Churches at A sterdam." Fortunately, the editors innocent in the mishap, since the error introduced after the final page proof w the correct headlines had received th approval. Copies issuing from the pres after the error was caught carried correct text.

Congratulations are in place to Rev. R. W. Hahn, Executive Secretary our Church's Student Service Commissi and his wife for the recognition given their children's academic achievemen Natalie, now thirteen, was awarded scholarship to Luther Institute, Chica Ill., for the coming year in view of scholastic standing in the Christian d school of Ev. Lutheran Church of St. Pa Chicago. Daniel, now seventeen, receiv a scholarship to the same school for school year 1944—45 as a result of a co petitive examination and, again by co petitive examination, has won a schol ship to the University of Illinois for academic year 1948—49. Gloria, n twenty, held a scholarship at Valpara University during the year 1945—46, wh was renewed in 1946—47. She was tapp into Gown and Gavel, honor society senior women at the university, in Ju 1948. G. V. S.

Dr. O. P. Kretzmann Welcoming Miss Ruth Wachholz

A new type of All-American college record and a new record in the history of our Christian education was established Sept. 8 when two parents brought their eighth and youngest child for enrollment at Valparaiso University. Her seven brothers and sisters attended Valparaiso University consecutively for the past fourteen years. Looking on are Pastor and Mrs. C. J. Wachholz and other members of the family, who were honored at a dinner at Valparaiso. Left to right, Miss Tina Krentz, an aunt who has helped finance eight college careers; Mary (1944—'46, 1948—); Dr. Kretzmann; Pastor Wachholz, former missionary in Brazil and now pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Elberfeld, Ind.; Mrs. Wachholz; Ruth (Class of '52); Helen (1946—); and Magdalene (1937—'39), now Mrs. Michael Dumke of St. Joseph, Mich. Not able to be present were Paul (1934—'38), Monterey, Calif.; John (1936—'40), Syracuse, N. Y.; Edward (1940—'44; 1947), Pittsburgh; and Elenore (1941—'42), Cleveland

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Editorial

k Circumspectly

t has been said that the choice of the Epistle for next lay, the Twentieth after Trinity, has a bearing on the that this Sunday falls about the time when the new is drawn off in Italy. The Epistle's admonition "Be not k with wine" is appropriate for all times and all Chris- It is important that we walk circumspectly, redeem- he time. God is good and gracious and long-suffering. xpects us to make good use of His gifts. The Gospel s what will happen to those who "make light" of His ness and grace. If we by His grace walk circumspectly serve Him "with a quiet mind" (Collect), we may look ard to the Marriage Supper without fear, there to give to His mercy forever.

The Lord, our God, is righteous in all His works which He : for we obeyed not His voice.
Give glory to Thy name, O Lord: and deal with us according e multitude of Thy mercies.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of God, in the mountain of His holiness.

W. G. P.

ersities of Gifts

The Holy Spirit sees to it that in the Christian Church e are diversities of gifts. It is one of the most interest- nd delightful visions to see these diversities of gifts at for the building up of God's kingdom. That is the way in which the Bible came about. God had be- ed rich gifts upon Moses, and when the proper time e, Moses was employed for that wonderful work which erformed in his day. "The Law was given by Moses," 1:17. To this day the Church is blessed through the rs and the gifts of Moses. The Holy Spirit bestowed gifts upon David. He is the great poet of the Bible. nearly 3,000 years God's children have rejoiced in what d accomplished and produced through his gifts. And t shall I say of the gifts of the Prophets, Isaiah at the head of them, the gifts of Paul and Peter, of Luther a host of others. Then there are the millions whose es are not known to us, but who contributed to this ous work and will be rewarded when Jesus comes to e the quick and the dead.

We speak of all this because we have read what Dr. rlemann writes concerning the Missouri Synod Lu- an instructors at our military schools. It shows that diversities of gifts which God has bestowed upon our rch are being employed and put to work. If we begin ink of our radio speakers, of our teachers in parochial ols and Sunday schools, of our pastors, of our laymen ributing generously of their means, of the children who praying and laboring to extend the Kingdom of God, t a picture of blessed activities, what a picture of diversities of gifts! This very fact of which Dr. Scharlemann speaks should cause all of us to look forward even to more extended expansion, to the employment of every specific gift which the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and upon any of our members. Simon of Cyrene could not do what Joseph of Arimathaea could do, but each labored and performed that service which his particular gift enabled him to perform. In this connection we should read again 1 Cor. 12.

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The Peace of Westphalia, 1648

The *Christian Century* of Aug. 11 calls attention to the fact that this year marks "the three-hundredth anniversary of the Peace of Westphalia," which ended the Thirty Years' War in Europe. While this peace did not settle all the contentions, political and religious, which divided the peoples of Europe, yet there is truth in the words of Lord Bryce of England: "The Peace of Westphalia was an abrogation of the sovereignty of Rome and of the theory of Church and State with which the name of Rome was associated."

We may not be willing to subscribe to the estimate which the *Christian Century* places upon this peace. But the wrath of the Pope and his vicious condemnation of this peace are evidence that on the whole Rome had lost out. In condemnation of this peace, Pope Innocent X issued his Bull *Zelo Domus Dei*, in which he denounced this peace, which was to end the bloody conflict between the peoples of Europe. He called the peace an unjust peace, a damnable peace, a foolish peace, a peace without any authority.*

In spite of the folly of the Pope, in spite of local persecutions, in spite of the powerful propaganda of the Jesuits, large sections of Europe were entirely lost to the Papacy. The most influential nations, those speaking the English language, are Protestant nations, and those royal houses which clung to Rome, for instance, the kings of Saxony, of Italy, and of Spain, have been liquidated. Rage as they will, the motto remains true:

God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure
Shall to eternity endure.

Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

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* The exact Latin words by which the Pope condemned this peace are the following: "nulla, irrita, invalida, iniqua, iniusta, damnata, reprobata, inania, viribusque et effectu vacua, omnino fuisse, esse, et perpetuo fore."

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

In checking the hymns chosen by our readers as their favorites — a report on the poll will be forthcoming as soon as the tabulation is completed — we were not surprised to find this hymn chosen by many as their favorite. This hymn has proved its worth to thousands at some crisis or other in their lives. They have found in it just the spiritual comfort and strength which they needed. We recall a touching little story about it which was told some years ago by S. G. Michelfelder in *The Inner Mission Worker:*

It happened on Decoration Day. Early in the morning, when very few were riding the cars, a little woman got on a streetcar with a basket of plants. The conductor helped her to her seat. When we arrived at the cemetery, he walked back to her and picked up the basket and escorted the woman to the door and handed her the basket. Unconsciously he was softly whistling a little tune. Perhaps he himself would not remember it, but the editor does, for the tune whistled was "What a Frined We Have in Jesus." Perhaps he was thinking of the second stanza: "Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?" I don't know that conductor, but this world can use a lot more men like that.

W. G. P.

Faith Is the Evidence of Things Unseen

In our day of world-wide uncertainty the real need of the world — a need greater than that of statesmanship, diplomacy, and might of arms — is the need of the certainty of faith, faith that lifts itself above things material and anchors securely on the Unseen. Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, in his book *The Road Back to God,* has some timely words to say on this need:

There is one characteristic of our human life in the twentieth century which is startingly clear even to the most casual observer. It is our restless weariness. Two thousand years ago it was the one thing which struck our Lord as He watched life. He saw men and women going to and fro, at labor and at leisure — poor men, rich men, learned men, untaught men — weary and heavy-laden, bearing burdens of fear and foreboding, carrying huge invisible loads of regret and care and sin. He saw it on their faces, He read it on their acts, and His eternal pity went out like a tide to a troubled and tormented humanity. He knew that they needed something certain and sure. He gave it to them. His words, so healing in their tenderness, fell upon the hearts of men as the tone of evening bells: "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me." These words might have been spoken yesterday or this morning, so true are they to the crying need of our anxious times when so many broken voices murmur through the world. We, too, need something certain and sure. We cannot find it in that which men consider certain. We shall find it only in the Unseen.

Then the author continues:

The record of the human race is the record of an amazing blindness to the vision of the Unseen. Today and yesterday we have the blindness of ambition, the blindness of greed, the blindness of the ten thousand sins that have sucked the heart blood of the world since Paradise Lost. . . . This is perhaps the strangest thing about the history of the world and the story of our lives. The finger of God is ever moving silently and majestically over the pages of time and across the sin-torn scroll of our lives. We come with our weak, tear-blinded eyes to see what He is writing. At times our little hopes and fears, our small ambitions and plans, come between us and His writing. The pages blur, and we fail to see not only the writing but even the finger of God that is moving across the page. Then God comes to throw a veil of darkness over everything else in the world, and once more we stand face to face with the vision of the Unseen. Certainly, He is doing that today. If darkness has come over the world, it has come according to the relentless purposes of God in human life. For this reason the world cries today for men and women who will, by the power of an illumined faith, see the Unseen in all the mad pageantry of the world's blind woe. . . . Can we not use the darkness of the world to hold up in our lives the light of eternity? Can we not emerge from the world's pain and disaster holding in our hearts the courage of the Pentecostal flame and in our eyes the unchanged and unchangeable vision of the Unseen? As the world grows older and older and the signs of its decay are written more clearly day by day, it will bec increasingly difficult to cling to the vision of the Un We know, however, as surely as our Savior's promises are that there will always be men and women in the world who rise shining out of the gloom, clinging to the Eternal and se the Unseen.

W. G. P.

A Fine Declaration about the Inspired Word

In his book *No Other Way* Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker of Evangelical Lutheran Church bears excellent testimon the inerrancy and infallibility of the Word of God. reference is too long to quote in full, but we shall several of the most pertinent sections:

The Bible is God's Word. It has always been God's W It will always be God's Word. Every word of it. And God not need nor has He ever asked for man's confirmation decree which has made this Book the foundation of our holy f

Again:

God used men to complete the recording of this Book. chose men, set-apart-men, to perpetuate His revealed will writing their words in human language. He used these men a great task. He possessed them. His Spirit filled them empowered them. Not in any ecstatic fashion. Nor in mechanical way. But in His own way God possessed them, personality, their intellect, their will, their powers. And my riously, miraculously, supernaturally they became an agency Him, and on the pages of the Book they wrote and recorded, wrote and recorded, till all was finished. But the Book is their book. It is God's Book; every page of it; each word

And also this:

The Bible is God's revelation, and it is the revelation of Its message and its language and its words were inspired Spirit-breathed. The Bible is therefore, as our Confessions clare, the inerrant and infallible Word of God, true in its e page and true in its every word. It is true not only as to con but true as to words, infallibly true. For how could there content without words, or words without content? It is in its original manuscript, but true even in its succeeding, c fully recorded copies, true in its faithfully recorded transiati so true that even now in any dialect men may study its sa pages or hear its message, and reading or hearing they experience as of yore its saving power, a Power that now as translates men to the realms of light where God can be as He is and His Son can be found as He is, the Savior of t souls.

W. G. P.

"Science Falsely So Called," 1 Tim. 6:20

Even as early as the times of the Apostles Christ had to be warned against this so-called science. called the attention of Timothy to the deceit of many boasted of their "science." This danger has remained is as great today as ever. You can estimate the sinister s which this word "science" works by considering what nu bers have been ensnared by that cult called "Chris Science." We dare not grow remiss in warning the Lo people against these errors. Our young people who pursuing their studies at higher schools are especially posed to this danger. They should often call to mind action of a great and true scientist who noted on a bla board in a classroom the solution of an intricate mat matical problem. Above the problem someone had writt "Do not erase!" The scientist erased this problem and w in its place: "2+2=4."

For those who are able and willing to study the m intricate matter of general human knowledge we may ommend especially two books: *God and the Cosmos* by Theo. Graebner and *Everyday Science for the Christian* Theodore L. Handrich. These books will help those are prepared for deeper study of the question to see there is no contradiction between true science and the Bi

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all We Miss This Day Opportunity?

he Fiscal Conference of Synod, h met Sept. 8 and 9, has instructed Treasurer to publish the "status of our treasury as of Aug. 31. ur budget for this year is $3,600,000, 00,000 each month. For the seven hs' period, or to Aug. 31, $2,100,000 required, and our receipts were 8.552.08, a shortage of $821,447.52. ut it another way: Our receipts are per cent above last year, but we 23½ per cent more money this than the previous year. This s us 14⅛ per cent short of what is ired.

reasonable deficit in the summer ths because of lighter receipts is nusual. The latter months of our l year usually bring us increases wipe out this summer deficit. This 's deficit, however, is much too . Since year after year our re- ts and deficits perform pretty much , we can easily analyze our situa- and we conclude that we face an rent deficit of some $400,000 by ruary, 1949. To this must be added her $100,000 for expenditures over above the budget for emergency unanticipated items — a total ex- ed deficit of $500,000.

his is the picture as it actually ts. Now, what is to be done about ? Some may say: "Let the Board irectors trim expenses and balance budget." This would be rather le in business and is exactly what prudent businessman would do. vever, in Synod we cannot discharge kers as in business. To drastically expenses would mean reduced sal- s and curtailment of our work. uld anyone wish to accept this re- nsibility before his God? It is true, e expense items can be saved, and eful study is being given to this. Your Board of Directors is much cerned about this prospective deficit. re is also something of much more ortance. Our heavenly Father has nted out to us several new mis- ary fields that are "white unto the vest," and we must stand by inactive ause we do not have the funds. nk for a moment — are we poor tals to tell God this must wait until ther day, "until we have enough ney"? This simply cannot be, for people do have the money.

Here are some figures that partly lain the situation: In the year 1947, compared with 1928, congregational ome per communicant member in- creased 98 per cent, while Synod's income decreased two per cent. Statistics also show that in 1928 Synod received 55 per cent of all congregational income, whereas in 1947 Synod received but 25.4 per cent. Is it fair to assume that Synod can continue on this basis? Even with these lower percentages Synod has made great progress in the past years, but much more can and must be done in this sin-sick world of ours. The Church is the most stabilizing instrument toward world peace and happiness, and it is up to every one of us to do his or her share to provide Synod with enough, not only to carry on, but also enough to expand and explore new fields in these golden days of opportunity, so as to bring more blood-bought souls to Jesus. This is the command of our blessed Savior. Shall we do it today, "before the night cometh"?

WALTER H. SCHLUETER, *Treasurer*
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Some Try Harder Than Others

By WM. A. KRAMER, St. Louis

The occasion was mission Sunday in a Lutheran congregation. The pastor had really touched our hearts with his message. He had contrasted the plight of the unbeliever and the blessed state of the believer so graphically that many an eye became moist during the sermon, and I actually saw a great round tear roll down my neighbor's cheek. How we sang after the sermon:

> Take my life and let it be
> Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,

and a little later:

> Take my silver and my gold,
> Not a mite would I withhold.

It was really an inspiring experience. I think some people emptied out their pockets when the collection plate came by; at least I saw some put in cash in addition to the amounts in their sealed envelopes. When the money was counted, the collection amounted to $2.50 per communicant, and I heard people say it was the best mission offering they had ever had. Much the same thing is happening in hundreds of congregations of the Missouri Synod.

Now two and a half times the number of communicant members in a good-sized congregation makes a lot of mission dollars, and two and a half times the million or so communicant members in the Missouri Synod makes even more mission dollars. But it is easy to be misled by large totals. We have to stay with the individual contributions if we want to see how grateful we are to our Savior, who loved us unto death.

We cannot, of course, judge a congregation's contributions on the basis of its mission festival offering, because, after all, in most congregations the members contribute for missions all year round, as well as for home purposes and special purposes. In order to get a fair idea of our gratitude as individuals, we must figure our total personal contributions for the year; and in order to get a fair idea of our gratitude as a Synod, we must figure our total contributions as a synodical body. The purpose here is not to discuss individual offerings, but synodical offerings. The individual offering is a matter for each Christian to take up with his God, remembering always that God is not impressed with the figures as such, because He looks beyond the figures into the heart. That is how Jesus knew that the mites of the poor widow amounted to more than the greenbacks of the Pharisees. God isn't impressed with our song about the mites either if we give the mites and keep the dollars which we ought to give.

According to the synodical averages as they are indicated in the *Statistical Yearbook* for 1947, we contributed a per-communicant average of $33.22 for home purposes and $9.71 for the Lord's work at large. That makes a grand total of $42.93 per communicant for the year 1947. This figure includes all contributions that passed through the hands of congregational treasurers and District treasurers. Multiplying $42.93 by the number of our communicants, you don't miss 50 million dollars very far. That is an impressive total for the Missouri Synod, it is true. But it is also true that $42.93 is just about what a not-too-heavy smoker spends for cigarettes during a year, not to mention a good many other things that are nice to have but are not really essential. Regarded in the light of God's word, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:33), a contribution of $42.93 does not look very impressive, not with present incomes.

There are, of course, many congregations and certainly many individuals that do much better than the $42.93 average. There have to be, because there are so many that do much worse. The synodical Districts, for example, range from a high average of $58.72 to a low of $21.51. In congregations even greater variations will be found. One congregation in Synod contributes $180 per communicant, while another, a very large congregation, reaches the astounding low of $24. These are not the extremes, but they illustrate the point that *some Christians try harder than others* to supply the funds that are necessary to carry on the Lord's work.

It would be wrong to suppose that the size of the contributions is generally based on the financial resources of the congregation. When two congregations within five miles of each other in the same farming community contribute $37.00 and $48.00 per communicant respectively, it is not likely to be a case of difference in financial ability. When a congregation in a rich farming section contributes $25.00 per communicant for all purposes, where is the justification for it? Or when a large well-to-do city congregation in a District that averages $45.00, contributes a mere $30.00 per communicant for all purposes, how is it to be explained? These are actual cases to show the disparity in congregational offerings for Kingdom work.

All this is not intended to mean that even the congregation which averages $45.00 or $75.00 or $180.00 has done its full duty. We have done our duty only when we have done our best.

The whole matter of giving boils down to the question, "What kind of Christians are we, and how serious are we about spreading the Gospel?" The fact that the Missouri Synod is running behind its budget in its contributions is too plainly a sign that the god of materialism has the allegiance of many hearts. The sooner we ask God to help us overcome any sinful love of earthly things, the better it will be for ourselves and for all mankind.

Or are we afraid that we will suffer material want if we give too much to the Lord? If all of us Missouri Synod Lutherans would give only 5 per cent of our income for the preaching of the Gospel, we would probably be giving twice as much as today, and many a spiritual desert would become a garden of the Lord. What is more, the remaining 95 per cent would go much farther toward meeting our physical needs. God has a most wonderful way of blessing money that is consecrated by right use. And if we would give 10 per cent to the Lord — the opportunities stagger the imagination. Why do we not take God at His Word when He says in Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith . . . if I will not open you the windows of hea and pour you out a blessing that t shall not be room enough to rec it"? Yes, it's the Lord who said and our Christian hearts ought t willing to take Him at His Word we are not willing to believe that God of heaven and earth can do little thing, how can we be sure of promise of salvation?

Associated Lutheran Charities Convention

Valparaiso, Ind., Aug. 31—Sept. 2

By REV. PAUL G. HAN

The 45th annual convention of the Associated Lutheran Charities opened at Valparaiso University on Monday, Aug. 30, with an inspiring address by President Henry F. Wind of Buffalo, N. Y., on the text: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." President Wind urged all in attendance at the convention to consider the motto: "Dic Cur Hic" ("Say why you are here") and asserted that it is the business of church workers in times like these to keep informed and to keep busy.

The Rev. E. B. Glabe presents the anniversary gift of a gold watch to the Rev. H. F. Wind as Mrs. Wind looks on

Business of the first afternoon was given over to reports of committees on various phases of the association's widespread activity. The statistician, Pastor Edgar F. Witte of Chicago, presented proposals for greater financial support and recognition of the Lutheran charities work by Synod at large. The proposals were referred to committee for further study. In the afternoon sessions the 100th and 101st members of the association were received, the ladies' auxiliaries from Cleveland, Ohio, and Lincoln, Nebr.

The convention banquet was held on Monday evening in the university cafeteria. Honored guests at the banquet were Pastor and Mrs. Henry F. Wind, who this year round out thirty years of activity in the field of institutional missions and Lutheran charities. They sat in stunned surprise as the usual annual banquet suddenly turned out to be a testimonial dinner, with Pastor Werner Kuntz of Detroit serving as toastmaster, Pastor A. R. Kretzmann of Chicago delivering a stirring address, and other speakers from all a of the Associated Charities program br ing words of congratulation and exp sions of appreciation for the thirty y of courageous leadership which the h ored guests had given to the Church. the conclusion of the festivities, Pasto B. Glabe of Minneapolis, vice-presider the Associated Lutheran C ities, presented President W with a gift of a gold w watch, and the secretary, tor A. H. Bringewatt Omaha, presented an inscri certificate of honor on be of the association.

Tuesday morning's sess began with a memorial s ice conducted by the A. E. Frey of St. Paul, M in memory of the sainted tors J. H. Witte of Bay C Mich., and Frederick Tr of Le Sueur, Minn. Pa Frey spoke on the text: "T me down in peace and s for Thou only makest m dwell in safety."

The convention voted ad tion of an amended const tion which had been up for considera at two previous annual sessions. C siderable discussion was also evo in the morning sessions by plans w were presented for the formation separate hospital association within Synodical Conference. The conven urged that hospital representatives tinue to maintain their membership Associated Lutheran Charities and special effort could be made to su their special needs. Resolutions w adopted encouraging the continued tra ing of social workers within Luthe circles and the offering of scholars by interested agencies, urging the boa and agencies responsible for institutio work to consider the advisability of c ical training for workers, and expres appreciation to Valparaiso University its continued interest in the field of theran social work shown by the an institute conducted at the school.

The convention election results w as follows: The Rev. H. F. Wind, presid the Rev. E. B. Glabe, first vice-presid the Rev. A. E. Frey, second vice-presid the Rev. A. H. Bringewatt, secretary, Rev. E. M. Roschke, treasurer, the Edgar F. Witte, statistician, and

el Schwier, Miss Marie Zucker, and Clara Sletten, members at large on executive board for three, two, and years, respectively. In the closing ents the convention voted to hold the annual session in St. Louis, Mo., to ide with the 50th anniversary of city ion work there.

Social Work Institute

essions of the Valparaiso University l Work Institute followed the con- ion and were held from Tuesday noon, 31, to Friday noon, Sept. 3. Lectures delivered by authorities in the us fields on "Mental Health and ent-Day Tensions," "Case Work with arried Mothers," "Group Work as a od in Social Work," and "Pastoral seling in the Hospital Ministry." Dr. . Kretzmann delivered a series of matin addresses on the theme: "The Task of the Church in Our Day," and Dr. Alfred M. Rehwinkel spoke on "Race in the Church" at the annual institute banquet. As a special feature for institutional workers, Dr. H. E. Dittmer, a Lutheran physician from Detroit, delivered an unforgettable address on psychosomatic medicine and its implications for the hospital minister. The Rev. E. J. Mahnke of St. Louis also spoke on the clinical training program for institutional workers. Special group meetings were also held for those interested in the fields of case work, health and hospitals, and the care of the aged.

Sessions of the convention and the institute were held in the beautiful new dormitories recently erected on the university campus. Delegates and friends returned home with a new enthusiasm also for the Valparaiso expansion program.

ternational Conference Evangelical Leaders

rens, Switzerland, August 7—10

Clarens is one of the towns of the us Swiss Riviera on the east end of Geneva. On a height overlooking city lies St. George's School, a boarding school for girls maintained by the rch of England. The school opened doors during the second week of ust to a meeting of Evangelical Chris- under the auspices of the National ciation of Evangelicals, a federation rotestant churches stressing the con- ative attitude in religion as opposed he liberalism and social gospel tend- es of the Federal Council of Churches. N. A. E. has done relief work in pe and through contacts thus formed encouraged to call a meeting of Evan- als for the discussion of certain issues hich joint action of Christian church es might be feasible without yielding doctrinal convictions or principles of ch life. Announcement of the meet- reached the undersigned during his at Interlaken, and it was possible to spend a day with the group ing in Clarens.

he Rev. A. H. Oussoren, president of South Holland Mission of the Dutch rmed Church, presided over the ses- , and Dr. R. L. Decker of Kansas City assistant chairman. Dr. J. Elwin ght of Boston served as secretary, and W. A. Molenor of Antwerp was made surer. Ten nationalities and 30 de- inations were represented among the elegates. We met Mr. and Mrs. Alfred of Zurich, who was responsible for arrangements. Mr. Hirs is Director eral of the Bank of Switzerland. The p was made up of earnest Christian who showed an intelligent interest natters confronting the profession of a ical faith as opposed to Modernism and pretensions of the Roman Catholic rch. One of the delegates, the Rev. Galiandro of Naples, represented the Priests Association of Italy, of which s president. There are in this group ormer Catholic priests who are earn- studying the doctrines of the Prot- nt Reformation.

A committee of 15 was elected to set up a congress of the Evangelicals of the world, with headquarters at Zurich.

I append the Statement of Faith and Statement of Purposes adopted by the conference.

Statement of Faith

1) We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

2) We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3) We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarous and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4) We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6) We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7) We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The purposes of the organization were set forth in a separate statement, as follows:

In all its activities the Association should spread the Gospel on the basis of the adopted Declaration of Faith. The Association in no way desires to supplant or duplicate the churches or existing evangelical societies and agencies. It is to be devoted to that which is of general interest; it aims at co-ordinating the efforts of the various churches and organizations to doing what individual churches and other organizations cannot do separately, in: a) creating unity among the believers; b) serving as a center of information and co-ordination of evangelical activity; c) representing evangelicals before governments, especially evangelical minority groups whose religious liberty is threatened; d) informing NAE in America of real needs in Europe; e) advising as to the equable distribution of funds which may be sent from America for relief and other forms of evangelical united action such as: (1) evangelization; (2) printing and distributing evangelical literature; (3) training Christian workers in Europe for places in other parts of the world where there is need for evangelical workers speaking European languages.

G.

Assistant Editor of Sunday School Literature

The Rev. Allan Hart Jahsmann of Warren, Ohio, has accepted the position of Assistant Editor of Sunday School Literature for the Board for Parish Education of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, an office created by the Centennial Convention of Synod in view of the growing expanse and needs of the Sunday school. He will assist the Rev. A. C. Mueller, who has faithfully served as editor of Sunday School Literature for the past 16 years.

Pastor Jahsmann studied to be a teacher, a minister, and a writer. He completed four years of high school and three years of normal training at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Ill. During his college years he served as editor of *The Spectator* and began his study of journalism at Northwestern University in the evenings. While teaching at Emmaus Lutheran School, St. Louis, Mo., for one year, he completed work for a B. S. in sociology from St. Louis University. The following summer Pastor Jahsmann was called to teach in Christ Lutheran School of Logan Square in Chicago. Here he served for four years while continuing graduate work in journalism at Northwestern University and in music at Sherwood Music School in Chicago.

In the fall of 1942 Pastor Jahsmann entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and two years later completed the course of study leading to the B. D. degree. While at the Seminary, he also served first as organist and choir director and then as educational assistant at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

For the past three and a half years, Rev. Jahsmann has been a missionary, pastor, and teacher in Warren, Ohio, a town of 60,000. His small group of Christians met in a store building.

Circumstances compelled the little mission congregation to decide on having their own church, and they included two classrooms for a Christian day school in the building plans.

Thirty-two children in a kindergarten and Grades One and Two entered in October. By spring there were 58. This fall at least 100 children in a self-supporting Christian day school with three teachers are expected.

While in Warren, Pastor Jahsmann served as chairman of the Akron-Youngstown Sunday School Teachers' Conference. Besides articles and papers for various magazines and conferences, he has written a course for vacation Bible schools that has been used widely in Synod and is a contributor to the Lutheran Education Association's 1948 *Yearbook*. His wife, Lois, is a graduate of the Washington University School of Nursing in St. Louis. They have a two-year-old daughter, Lucia Marie.

We do not know how long or short
Our earthly journeying may be,
But through Thy grace may every step
Bring us closer, Lord, to Thee.

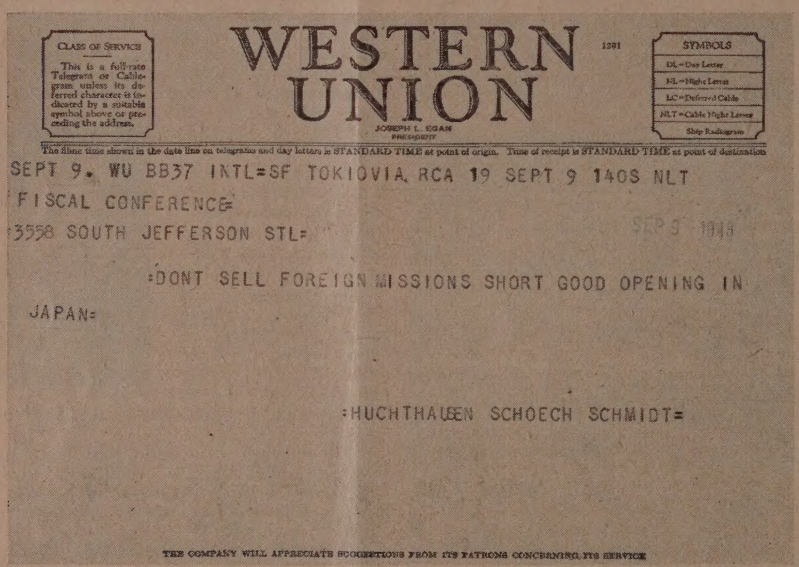
Mary Moon

Wanted – An Outburst of Christian Love

A Report on the Fiscal Conference

By OTTO E. SOHN

In order to insure the wisest and most advantageous administration of its funds, Synod has vested the general management and supervision of its business affairs in its Board of Directors. It has further stipulated that when this Board has prepared the annual budget of Synod, it shall submit the same to the Fiscal Conference for final action. This group is composed of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Board of Directors, the District Presidents, and one fiscal officer from each District. Its duties are: 1) to review and discuss the financial situation of Synod; 2) fix the synodical budget; 3) devise ways and means to raise the budget; 4) suggest improvements in the financial situation of Synod; 5) help the various Districts solve their financial problems.



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This group of nearly one hundred men met here in St. Louis Sept. 8 and 9 to carry out this important assignment. In his opening address President J. W. Behnken directed the attention of the Conference to the serious problem which confronts our Synod, apprising these leaders that the financial support given for the Lord's work by our membership was lagging ominously behind the goal that was set up a year ago and that strenuous efforts must be made if all requirements are to be met. Basing his remarks upon St. Paul's words recorded 1 Cor. 15:53 to 16:4, the venerable Doctor reminded the assembly of our solemn obligations as redeemed children of God. Recognizing our glorious triumph over sin, death, and hell through the merits of Jesus Christ, we should recognize and heed our world-wide obligation to preach the Gospel, to stand firm and strong with regard to Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, to come to the aid of those who are in danger of losing these priceless treasures, to seize mission opportunities wherever these present themselves to us, to continue training an adequate preaching and teaching personnel, and also to show proper regard for the needs of our veterans of the Cross. Nor must we ever become weary in encouraging our membership, in appreciation of the same triumph over sin, death, and hell, to support the work of the Kingdom with their prayers, services, and offerings.

1. Your Love is Needed Now!

By far the greatest amount of time was devoted to the consideration of the present financial situation in Synod. Our fiscal officers, who have been observing the trend with keen eyes since early in this year, were firm in the conviction that our offerings were not keeping pace with the needs, leaving us with the saddening prospect of a half-million-dollar deficit next January. Various suggestions were made to remedy this situation, which is doubly deplorable and depressing because these are not days of financial depression, when such a situation might be expected. One plan was to encourage our members to intensify their efforts and increase their weekly contributions for our missionary projects. But much of the money raised in that manner would remain in the various Districts and therefore fail to remedy the great need. Hence the Conference felt constrained to request the District officers to inaugurate a **special offering** in all churches of their Districts before the end of this year, the actual date being left to the choice of the individual congregation, though reference was made to the first Sunday of November, which in 1935 was designated by Synod as Synodical Sunday. Our Fiscal Office will furnish the necessary material upon request.

It is the earnest hope and trust of our church leaders that in grateful remembrance of our glorious triumph over death, and hell our membership far and wide will rally to this cause and manifest their loyalty to the Savior by a generous gift of love to ease the Lord's treasury through this emergency. In these days of high incomes it would be well-nigh unanswerable before the Lord to end the year with a deficit in His treasury.

2. Rising Costs, Rising Needs!

Next came the establishment of the 1949 budget. Much preliminary work had been done. Representatives of the various boards and spending agencies had been invited by the Board of Directors to present their needs for the coming year. Careful scrutiny had been given to each item with a view to effecting a saving. Yet the Conference again looked at each item individually, modest though all the requests were regarded by those who had presented them. The rising cost of living and therefore also of doing the Lord's work, demanded higher estimates for the future. There could be no thought of curtailing the grandest Christian work on earth, for the sake of which alone the world is still standing.

"Do Not Sell Foreign Missions Short"

In the midst of this discussion, while Dr. Behnken was speaking earnestly that we do not permit our fears to hinder the Lord's work, a cablegram was given him which contained this message: *"Do not sell Foreign Missions short. Good opening in Japan!"* It was sent by our Executive Secretary of Missions, the Rev. O. H. Schmidt, who is surveying mission opportunities in that country at this time and Chaplains W. A. Huchthausen and O. W. Schoech, who have been stationed there for some time and are assisting him. After receipt of that message and also consideration of other missionary needs and opportunities which had already been presented, it did not take the Conference long to reach a decision. Convinced that the margin of safety dare not be set at a lower figure and trusting that the Lord of the Church would make His children willing, it adopted the following budget for 1949, details of which will be supplied through other channels:

A. For Missions	$1,673,000
B. For Higher Education	1,286,500
C. For Support and Pensions	600,000
D. For Parish Education	65,000
E. For Publicity and Missionary Education	65,000
F. For Administration	161,950
G. For Standing Committees	61,850
H. For Contingency Fund	86,700
	$4,000,000

This represents an advance of about 10% over the current budget. When the old Adam beholds it, he is chagrined. When the new man reflects upon it, he considers the total sum — about four dollars per confirmed member — a mere pittance. It really is that. It is pitifully small when we look at it in the light of our world-wide obligation. It is pitifully small when we consider the sacrifices brought by our men in the field, especially our foreign missionaries, who have forsaken so much to carry the Gospel to

Telegram from Tokyo

It was the morning session of the second day of the Fiscal Conference. moment of tenseness had settled over the fiscal representatives who had sembled in St. Louis on Sept. 8 and 9 to determine Synod's financial ability r 1949.

At this particular time, however, it was not the budget for 1949 that was der discussion, but the budget for 1948. Synod's Treasurer had submitted ures showing that the minimum needs for the current year would run beyond ,700,000. But a tabulation on the blackboard, showing the totals which each strict could promise, at the very most, for the current year, added up to dly $2,900,000.

What do? Succumb to counsels of despair? Vote for a strategic withawal? For gradual retrenchment? It was at this moment that the President Synod, Dr. J. W. Behnken, asked for the floor. Choked with emotion, he aced question after question. Does this mean that we shall have to close ir ears to the calls from Guatemala? to the calls from Nicaragua? from new lds in South America? in the Philippines? in New Guinea? in Japan? oes this mean — —

At this juncture the President was handed a telegram. He paused briefly read it. It was a message from the Orient, signed by Foreign Mission Secrery O. H. Schmidt and by Chaplains O. W. Schoech and W. A. Huchthausen. he conference sat in expectant silence, while the President scanned the essage. Then he read it aloud. It contained only two sentences. *"Don't sell oreign Missions short! Good opening in Japan."*

The conference resolved not to sell *any* department of the Lord's work short. voted the needed $4,000,000 for 1949 and inaugurated steps to forestall any ssible deficit in 1948 by pleading for an intensified effort during the closing onths of the current year.

In a sense, that telegram from Tokyo was addressed to every reader of the *itness.* Paraphrased, and spoken at the moment you reach for your Sunday velope, it would read: *"Don't sell Synod short! Grand openings for the ospel throughout the world!"*

The answer to that telegram is currently being written on thousands of ntribution envelopes throughout our Church.

How are we answering it?

H. W. G.

iles on our behalf. It is pitifully also when we consider the lavish ner in which we expend our money material necessaries and — unnecesS. It is realized, of course, that much will need to be done in our churches rry the larger program through, espe- much praying, but a constant reer of our triumph through Christ by God's grace make the seemingly ssible possible. Christian love can, will do it.

We'll Have to Do Some Building

me time in 1949 there will have to special offering for new college lings. The Lord of the Church has our prayers. The enrollment at our ges and seminaries is growing. Some ional housing will be necessary at of our schools. Details on this will be furnished later through other nels. But the Fiscal Conference con- ed it mandatory and unavoidable that ts be made next year to gather special s for the most urgently necessary of necessary buildings. Our congrega- will do well to embody this project eir planning for 1949. Christian love furnish the answer also for this urgent lem. True children of God will pray God of all grace to make and keep steadfast and unmovable, and inspire to abound in His work, knowing that labors are never in vain in the Lord. resident Behnken thereupon gave a rt on the seminars held this past mer in Bad Boll, Germany, and read of the pleasing testimonials from inent churchmen of Germany regarding that venture. It was also the privilege of the Conference to hear Dr. H. Sasse, professor at Erlangen University, who expressed his and his country's gratitude for the material and spiritual help granted by our Synod, told of the amazement of many European theologians over our steadfastness in clinging to the heritage of the Reformation, and urged that we continue to make this glorious heritage known to the Christian world generally.

An expression of gratitude was made to our Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Schlueter, in recognition of the twenty-five years of faithful service rendered by him as member of Synod's Board of Directors.

From a European Notebook

At the youth camp operated in the French Zone by European Relief and conducted by Student Enno Lohrmann of St. Louis, the record was lately broken by a boy from Mannheim, who ate 29 potatoes at one meal. He was hungry. . . . The best truck gardens are kept in Holland, the next best in Germany, with France far down on the list. We saw a few good ones, probably tended by German prisoners. . . . No advertising signs on the French countrysides except at railroad stations, and then only ordinary poster size 18″ x 36″. Anything more clamorous than this would not be tolerated by the French public. . . . Further tokens of civilization — no juke boxes anywhere between the Riviera and the British Channel. And on turning on the radio in the car, at Besançon on the highway, we hear a Bach fugue, parts of a Haydn symphony, and, radioed in French, "A Mighty Fortress." . . . And did we find the cathedral at Chartres, two hours south of Paris, up to expectations! The magnificent planning of total effects of mass and line is joined to an infinite variety of artistic detail. In the stone carving of the middle arch in the north portal there are 128 small figures and 18 of heroic size. The south rose window has by actual count 168 medallions and rosettes, each of different design, and the rose window in the West front, 157. . . . During the French Revolution, in 1792, hoodlums began to "destroy" the cathedral at Chartres by knocking the heads and arms off the stone statues of the north entrance. Did as little damage to the great Gothic masterpiece as the critics of the Bible have done by hacking away at the "mistakes of Moses." . . . Paris maintains the beauty of its streets by permitting neon signs only flat against the wall and visible no farther than across the street. . . . The drug stores sell drugs, not clocks, swim suits, and bird cages. Probably an evidence of the logical French mind. . . . I note in an editorial by Professor Polack (airmail edition of the LUTHERAN WITNESS) a reference to the truth that great things grow only out of our afflictions. There stands in front of the Opera Comique in Paris the statue of Alfred de Musset, with a few lines from one of his poems which say that "nothing makes us so great as a great sorrow," and continuing, as copied out here for those of our 50,000 readers of high school age who like to try their French:

Les plus desesperés sont les chants les plus beaux,
Et j'en sais d'immortelles qui sont des purs sanglots
(Le Nuit de Mai)

It is characteristic of the French mind that they would carve a sentiment like that upon a monument at the Opera Comique. . . . At the Louvre, still the "Madonna of the Rocks" by Leonardo da Vinci, with John the Baptist as a little boy kneeling in adoration before Jesus, who raises His hand in blessing, with the mothers and a beautiful angel looking on. . . . In the new Museum of Man, just completed opposite the Eiffel Tower, there are priceless South American antiquities and replicas of famous human fossils. The latest scientific thought, which recognizes no "ape man," is represented in the labels. A plaster cast of the Piltdown skull is there, tersely described as "the cranium human, the jaw from an ape" (that is, they do not belong together). . . . The white bands worn by our older generation of Lutheran pastors were often noted. The judges and lawyers in the French courts wear them, and clerics from many lands in the World Council of Churches procession at Amsterdam wore the bands. . . . We have here a few jottings on the Dutch people and their civilization, but these will hold over.

G.

Calvary

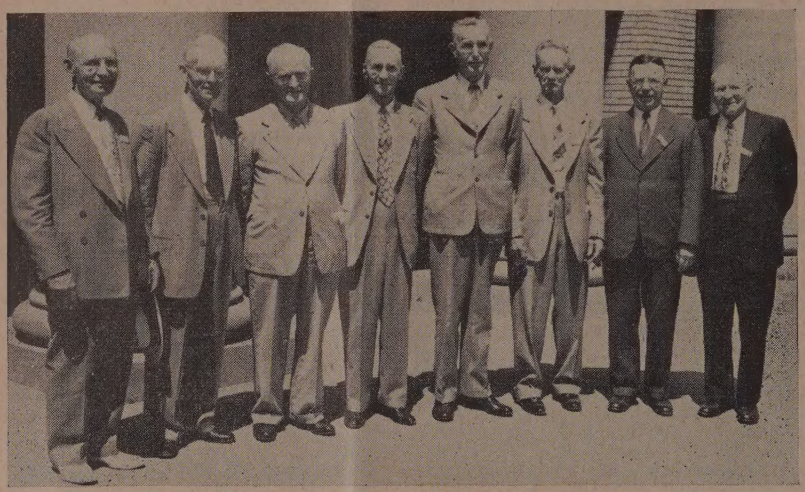
When Thou didst hang upon the Cross,
Wounded for man's iniquity —
When "Father, forgive them" Thou didst say,
Thou didst remember me.

MARY MOON

AMONG OUR CHURCHES and SCHOOLS

Reunion Celebration of Class of 1898

The 7th of July was a memorable day for eight teachers of the Class of 1898. After attending the sessions of the L. E. A., eight pedagogs, close to seventy years of age and over, made a visit to old Addison, where they were graduated as Lutheran teachers fifty years ago. They were Prof. Hy. Hardt, Seward, Nebr.; H. C. E. Schmidt, Richmond, Va.; Martin Bussmann, Weyauwega, Wis.; Arthur G. Rauschelbach, Utica, Mich.; Henry Schnute, Northville, Mich.; C. A. H. Eickemeyer, Janesville, Wis.; Gustav L. Maschoff, St. Louis, Mo.; and C. H. Meier, Oak Park, Ill. W. C. Meyer, Cicero, Ill., came later.



Graduates of the Teachers Seminary at Addison, '98

L. to r.: Prof. Henry L. Hardt, Messrs. C. A. H. Eickemeyer, H. C. E. Schmidt, Gustav L. Maschhoff, Martin Bussmann, Arthur G. Rauschelbach, Carl H. Meier, Henry Schnute

Little was left of their old Alma Mater except the dining hall, which now serves as a store room for the Child Welfare Association, and one was forcefully reminded of the lamentation by an unknown author which goes as follows:

O Addison, O Addison, verloren! verloren!
Dein Ruhm ist hin, verkruemelt sind
Studenten, Professoren.

Nevertheless the visit was of great interest to the jubilarians, because it aroused many fond memories, and all began to live over once more in their mind the happy days of their youth as students of the Addison Seminary.

A fellowship banquet at a private hall in Forest Park furnished a worthy climax for this occasion. Some had not met since their graduation. Friendships were renewed, old experiences at Addison retold, and to give this momentous affair a worthy atmosphere, Prof. A. C. Hardt of Milwaukee, brother of Prof. Hy. Hardt, a jubilarian, made an inspiring address, emphasizing the blessed and important work of a Lutheran teacher. All humbly agreed that it was a gracious and undeserved privilege to serve the Lord in the capacity of a Lutheran teacher for so many years.

Originally there were 45 graduates in the class. Sixteen have passed to their eternal home. Ten were still active at the end of their fiftieth year in school. Since then four have retired. Twelve could not complete the fifty years because of illness or other reasons that compelled them to retire. Seven could not be traced. They seem to be "verschollen."

May God bless our schools in the future with many conscientious and able teachers, and may we also remember that a faithful, conscientious teacher is a precious gift of God! In Old England it was a common saying: "All is well with the nation because the teacher is about his business."

C. H. MEIER

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Begins New Year

With the solemn words of the Trinitarian invocation spoken by Dr. L. J. Sieck, president, and the singing of the traditional opening hymn "With the Lord Begin Thy Task" the one-hundred-and-eleventh academic year of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was ushered in on Wednesday morning, Sept. 15. In fitting words which breathed a warm welcome, President Sieck, on the basis of 2 Cor. 8:5, emphasized the necessity of a consecrated ministry for the eventful days in which we live. He called for a voluntary, unconditional, and complete surrender of self to Christ in order to be such [a] of God as those in Macedonia of wh[om] Paul said: "They first gave their [ow]selves to the Lord." Dr. Theo. Hoy[er] Dr. Wm. Arndt, and Dean L. C. Wue[r]fel served as liturgists and Mr. Mar[tin] Stellhorn as organist.

Dr. Sieck also took the occasion [to] present two new members of the teach[ing] staff: Dr. Alfred von Rohr Sau[er] recently called as professor in the O[ld] Testament department, and the Re[v.] Paul J. Reith, called by the Board [of] Control as instructor in speech.

In his announcements at the close [of] the service, Dr. Sieck, in behalf of t[he] faculty and the Board of Control, e[x]tended congratulations to those cel[e]brating anniversaries of service in t[he] Lord's kingdom: Dr. Wm. Arndt, [25] years — 27 as a member of the facult[y]; Dr. Paul Bretscher and Dr. Lew[is] Spitz, 30 years; Dr. Richard R. Caem[m]erer, 20 years.

Among the many visitors present [at] the opening service were Dr. Herm[an] Sasse of Erlangen and Dr. Paul Che[n], librarian and professor at Nankin Theological Seminary, both on sabbati[-]cal leave.

Dean Wuerffel reported the follow[-]ing enrollment:

	In Attendance	Not in Attendance
IV Year	97	73
III Year	66	32
II Year	107	3
I Year	109	18
Total	379	126

Total enrollment 505; and to th[is] may be added twelve male and six [fe]male students in the Mission Depar[t]ment. Dr. Rehwinkel announced a[n] enrollment of some 85 full and par[t] time students in the Graduate Schoo[l] and some 100 enrolled in the ex[-]tension division. E. J. S.

Springfield Seminary Begins 103d Year

Sept. 8 marked the beginning of th[e] 1948—49 school year of the Springfiel[d] Ill., Seminary when an overflow as[-]sembly gathered in the college chap[el] to open the year with a divine servic[e]. In his address Dr. R. C. Neitzel s[et] forth the high prerogatives of the Gos[-]pel ministry and the proper prepara[-]tion for meeting its demands. Dr. [K.] Chr. Barth, president, was liturgist f[or] the occasion.

The official enrollment for the cu[r]rent school year showed 67 new st[u]dents in attendance, with a total [of] 297, of whom 281 are in residence an[d] 16 off-campus for a year of practic[al] work. Distribution according to cla[ss] is as follows: Graduating Class, 2[3]; Absent for Field Work, 16; Seniors, 3[6]; Juniors, 96; Sophomores, 75; Fresh[-]men, 58.

The joy over an increased enrol[l]

t of young men who are eager to p themselves for the office of the ministry, but who, in the nature ne case, make additional demands he teaching staff, was marred by sudden illness of a member of the lty, Prof. W. A. Baepler. It is d that Professor Baepler, through -earned rest, will soon be restored ll strength and enabled to return is customary place in the class- n. To tide over the interim, ad- nents in the teaching load have made, and employment of addi- l part-time assistance has been ided.

n Sept. 12, in a special service at ity Church, Springfield, the Rev. . Naumann was installed as pro- r at the Seminary by the newly ed President of the Central Illinois rict, the Rev. E. F. Tonn. The on was preached by Prof. Mark eege, Liturgists were Dr. G. Chr. h, president of the Seminary, and B. H. Selcke, secretary of the d of Control.

rofessor Naumann was pastor in nany for sixteen years, after his uation from the St. Louis Sem- r, and was serving Immanuel Con- ation at Altamont, Ill., at the time s acceptance of the call to a pro- rship at Springfield. His new s will revolve principally about Department of Education, which to head. Postgraduate work at ordia Seminary and Washington ersity, St. Louis, well qualifies him he chair which he now holds.

M. H. COYNER

thern Nebraska rict Convention

he seventeenth convention of the hern Nebraska District, held in ordia Teachers College of Seward, , Aug. 16-19, was opened by Dr. larms, Vice-President of Synod, a service in St. John's Church. sessions were in the college asium.

the opening session President Homann announced the presence 0 delegates. The convention was ded in deep sorrow on learning he Rev. W. Brackensick, beloved r of Grace Congregation of Wayne, , was not to reach the convention, his own life and that of his er-in-law and a sister-in-law had snuffed out in an auto accident four-lane highway in Oklahoma. ning to the funeral, the Rev. H. ilpert had made a recording of ntire funeral service which dele- heard during the noon hour on rst day of the convention.

ry fitting was President Ho- 's address: "Kept by the Power d unto Salvation." Five new con- tions were received into the Dis- including Hope of Omaha, a d congregation.

Dr. H. Harms represented Dr. J. W. Behnken.

Dr. John H. C. Fritz of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, spoke to the convention daily on "Justification and Sanctification in the Christian's Daily Life." Colored motion pictures of most of the District's subsidized mission stations, presented by Pastor George Weber, and brief remarks by the missionaries, gave all delegates a better understanding of our far-flung mission field. To expand our mission facilities, the District adopted the resolution to institute a District-wide collection for the Church Extension Fund this fall, with a goal of $25,000. Following the reports of Mr. E. Chas. Mueller, School Superintendent, and Pastor Theo. Stolp, District chairman, important resolutions were adopted in the matter of parish education.

The pastors' Communion service was held in St. John's Church, the Rev. H. Moellering delivering the sermon.

The Rev. H. Erck reported on his work in the interest of our Lutheran students enrolled at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Because of rising costs, additional funds were voted for the erection of the University chapel. Efforts to raise sufficient funds for the erection of the new Physical Education Building on the campus of Concordia Teachers College in Seward are to be continued through the next two years. The Pastors W. Wilkens and W. Ollenburg, institutional missionaries in Omaha, and Pastor P. C. Krey, institutional missionary in Norfolk, spoke to the convention concerning their blessed work. "Babyland," photographs of the many infants adopted by happy parents through the agency of the District Orphanage, Rev. A. H. Bringewatt, superintendent, drew much attention.

Rev. E. Eckhardt conducted the memorial service, honoring the memory of the departed Pastors W. Brackensick. George Jilg, Ed. Oelschlaeger, and George Wolter.

The Rev. W. E. Homann was re-elected as President, the Rev. O. C. Decker became First Vice-President, and the Rev. A. I. Grimm, Second Vice-Preisdent. Mr. H. Lund was re-elected as Treasurer and Mr. G. Kroeger as Financial Secretary, likewise Pastor L. M. Doctor as Secretary, while Rev. B. Meschke became Assistant Secretary.

W. C. REHWALDT

Southern Nebraska District Convention

The Southern Nebraska District held its 18th convention at Concordia Teachers College Aug. 9—12. The convention was attended by 282 pastors, teachers, and lay delegates. In the opening service, held at St. John's Church, Vice-President W. F. Lichtsinn, representing Synod, delivered the convention sermon, showing how happy, joyful, and grateful we must be as we look back upon 25 years of blessings as a District and 100 years as a Synod.

Pres. I. C. Heinicke, in his official report, stated that the membership of our District during the quarter century had increased by over 11,000 souls and 8,000 communicants. A jubilee book, entitled *A Brief History of the Southern Nebraska District, 1922—1947*, edited by Pastor A. Wegener, may be obtained from Rev. A. A. Schormann, Seward, Nebr. Five pastors, four teachers, and seven congregations were received into membership at the convention.

The memorial service, conducted by Pastor A. Saeger, honored the memory of seven workers.

The convention essay, entitled "The Parish Program of Christian Education," was read by Mr. Arthur L. Miller, Synod's Executive Secretary for Parish Education.

The work of District missions occupied much time at the convention. An increased mission budget was adopted by the assembly. It was reported that missionaries all over are greatly handicapped in their work because of lack of proper buildings. The convention voted to put $13,890 of the Centennial Thankoffering into the Church Extension Fund to aid the cause.

The District resolved to continue its efforts to raise the necessary funds for university chapels. It decided to collect $24,000 for the Student Chapel in Lincoln, Nebr., and $17,500 for a chapel at the University of Wyoming at Laramie.

Election results: President, Rev. I. C. Heinicke; First Vice-President, Rev. A. F. Wegener; Second Vice-President, Rev. H. F. Krohn; Secretary, Rev. P. Sellman; Treasurer, Prof. H. L. Hardt.

With brief devotions, conducted by President I. C. Heinicke, the Jubilee Convention of the Southern Nebraska District adjourned.

EDGAR F. FRESE

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. John H. C. Sieck (died July 13, 1948) was born in a Texas parsonage, at Walburg, on Dec. 8, 1890, the son of Rev. John and Maria Sieck (nee Boehnker). After his pretheological course at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., he entered Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating from this institution in 1914. Returning to his native Texas, he did pioneer mission work in the extensive field at Dalhart, in the northwest Panhandle. He took his bride, Minnie, nee Ebmeier, with him, who died the following year, only thirteen months after their wedding. In 1917 he accepted a call to the El Paso mission field,

where he worked until 1923, after which he labored in the Canyon City area. After 14 years of service in the Southwest, he shepherded Trinity Church at Shawneetown, Mo., where he labored until ill health forced him to resign. After a brief period of retirement from the active ministry he served as assistant to the pastor at Trinity Church, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Early in 1944 he accepted a call extended to him by the Mission Board of the Western District to Oak Ridge, Tenn. In this "Atom City" of the Mid-South he again did pioneer work, but under wartime restrictions. He continued this work under physical difficulties until he resigned in June, 1947, when he returned to his home in Jackson, Mo.

While at El Paso he entered holy wedlock for the second time, on Oct. 14, 1920, marrying Marie Lentz. This union was blessed with four children; two other children were received into the family by adoption.

His wife, the aforementioned children, the mother, two sisters, and two brothers survive.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Church, Jackson, Mo., on July 17, conducted by the Rev. W. Keisker. The obituary was read by the Rev. L. F. Dippold, and the committal service was in charge of the Rev. G. B. Seboldt.

W. KEISKER

The Rev. Oswald Woelzlein (d. Aug. 9, 1948), born July 29, 1891, near Frankenmuth, Mich., son of Jacob Woelzlein and Maria, nee Bernthal, was trained for the holy ministry at Concordia College, Milwaukee, and at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., graduating from the latter school in June, 1918. He served at Centerville, Lapeer, and Royston, Mich., until 1943, when he moved to Trinity Church near Tinley Park, Ill., where he served until the Lord called him home.

He married Corintha Rambadt on May 21, 1919. Four daughters were born to this union.

On Monday, Aug. 9, at noon, it pleased God, suddenly and unexpectedly, to summon him to eternal rest and glory at the age of 57 years and 11 days. He leaves his wife and four daughters, the eldest the wife of Rev. Franklin Giese, Chicago, three sons-in-law, one brother, one sister, one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held in Trinity Church, Tinley Park, Aug. 12, 1948. Interment was in Trinity Cemetery.

HENRY F. MEYER

The Rev. A. C. Fritze (d. Aug. 18, 1948), son of William and Helena Fritze, was born Oct. 14, 1894, in Strong City, Kans. In 1903 the family moved to Topeka, Kans. He was trained for the ministry at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., and at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. In 1921, the year after his graduation, he was commissioned for work in India at his home church, St. John's, Topeka.

For twenty-three years he labored as missionary. Most of his work centered around Trivandrum in the State of Travancore, where he served as many as fifteen stations. He was also instrumental in the establishment of a high school at Trivandrum, supervising the construction work and serving as headmaster and instructor. At the beginning of the Second World War he sent his family to America in 1942, choosing to remain behind and carry on with his work in spite of the dangerous world situation. But the following year signs of failing health began to show. Hence he elected to return to America. Upon convalescence he accepted a call to Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he served five months as assistant pastor. In July, 1947, he became pastor of St. John's Church of Blackwell, Okla.

In February of this year his health began to fail again, and after six months of lingering illness the Lord called him to the Church Triumphant. Services were held at St. John's Church on Aug. 22, the undersigned preaching on John 12:26. The body was laid to rest in St. John's Cemetery. The Rev. G. O. Rusch officiated at the altar and read the obituary.

He is survived by his widow, the former Josepha Schmidt, whom he married in 1924, by five sons and one daughter, and by five brothers. MARTIN PORATH

The Rev. E. H. C. Mueller (died Aug. 21, 1948), born June 28, 1874, the son of William and Adelheid Mueller (his sainted mother known to her readers as Frau Erica, attained some renown as a writer of religious poems), near Kendallville, Ind. Later the family moved to Kendallville. In November, 1887, his father became superintendent of Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park, Ill. He was trained for the ministry at Concordia College, Milwaukee, and at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, being graduated in June, 1898.

His fifty years of service in the ministerial office began on Aug. 28, 1898, when he became pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Arelia Township, Madison, Minn. He returned to Chicago the following spring and was married to Helene Hedder, April 12, 1889.

He soon began conducting services in the town of Madison, where he guided a group of faithful Lutherans in organizing a congregation in 1903. He regularly served these two congregations until September, 1911, when he moved to Immanuel Church, Freedom Township, Waseca County, Minn. Here he served until the time of his death, a period of thirty-seven years. He was pastor of St. John's Church, Vivian Township, until Jan. 7, 1945, when that congregation unanimously decided to dissolve. He also was pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Waldorf, Minn., until September, 1944, when that congregation called its own pastor.

His union in marriage was blessed with nine children, a son preceding his father in death on Feb. 21, 1923. His widow and eight children survive, four daughters and four sons. Two sons are pastors of our Church, Gerhardt at Cordova, Nebr., and Herbert at Niagara, N. Dak. One daughter, Norma, is the wife of Armin Grams of Chicago, teacher of a Christian day school.

He departed this life on Saturday evening, Aug. 21, the day before the fiftieth anniversary celebration of his ordination to the Lutheran ministry. His congregation had planned an elaborate and fitting observance of that event for Sunday, Aug. 22.

His mortal remains were committed to the ground on Wednesday, Aug. 25. The undersigned conducted a brief service in the house in the forenoon, whereupon the remains were conducted to the church. The Rev. H. Eggers served as liturgist, Professor W. A. Poehler delivered the sermon, the undersigned spoke in behalf of the circuit and read the obituary. He also officiated at the cemetery. Ma brethren of the ministry as well as a la host of friends attended the fune services. He attained an age of 74 ye one month, and 23 days. Rev. 14:13.

CARL J. GUNDERMANN

DEATH NOTICE

The Rev. F. W. Husmann, em., ente into rest Sept. 10, 1948, at San Bernardi Calif., at the age of 90 years, and receiv a Christian burial on Sept. 13.

Pastor Walter C. Wangerin of Gr Rapids, Mich., died Sunday morni Sept. 19.

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications viewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may secured from or through Concordia Publish House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18,

Messages of the Bible to Our Tin The Bible Student, Vol. 27, No Together with **Leader's Handbo** 50 cents. Walther League, 875 Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill.

The topics treated in this little mar are gathered under three general he National Sins, War, and Christian Soc ogy. In the first section we have te illustrating the teachings of Amos, Ho and Isaiah, with applications to our co try and the present age. On the sub of war, texts describing war as the stroyer, and national corruption, hur pride and hatred and envy as the cat of war, while the positive note is str under Christian Sociology, dealing texts from the New Testament that to attention the Law of Love, God Business, and God as the Ruler of nati Both topics and treatment are such meet the needs of the present day. G

Concordia Bible Student. Jonah Micah. Vol. XXXVIII, No. 1. O ber-December, 1948. 60 cents annum.

Concordia Bible Teacher. Jonah Micah. Vol. X, No. 1. October- cember, 1948. $1.00 per ann Both edited by Rev. J. M. Weid schilling, S. T. D. Published qu terly by Concordia Publishing Ho St. Louis, Mo.

These numbers are especially hel because they deal with the story of Book of Jonah, which, some think, of peculiar difficulties of interpretation. H ever, even our common sense require us that we believe God to be able perform a miracle. God certainly not create something greater than H self. In the second place, everyone accepts the Bible as the Word of believes also that the miracles which Bible records are true miracles. Our f is not based upon the testimony of turalists, philosophers, archaeologists, any other scientists. Our faith is b upon God's plain word and assura That is the position which the write these studies takes, and that is the posi which every student and teacher of Bible must maintain. M. S. S

ls of Prayer. No. 86. For Our Learning. Daily devotions October 8 to November 25, 1948. By Rev. Martin Walker, Buffalo, N. Y. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 10 cents each.

h der Erretter seines Volks. Daily devotions from October 8 to November 24, 1948. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 10 cents each.

dship. Tract No. 162. By Rev. Richard A. Jesse, S. T. M. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 10 cents.

Using Profanity. Tract No. 161. By Rev. Erwin Kurth. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 10 cents.

aptized. Tract No. 155. By Dr. John Theodore Mueller. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 10 cents.

Baptize Children. Tract No. 157. By Dr. John Theodore Mueller. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 10 cents.

ach pamphlet indicates its purpose, ell written, and effectually serves the ose intended by the author.

M. S. S.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Buszin

Organ Preludes. By J. S. Bach. Rearranged for the organ by Stainton de B. Taylor. $1.00.

hese preludes are based on the cho- of the Lesser Catechism from Part of Bach's *Clavier-Uebung*. By re-nging these, Mr. Taylor has taken no ne liberties. Some of these composi- were written originally for the man- only, and the editor has carried down *cantus firmus* into the pedal. For the ormance of such a 4′ pedal will be ed. We recommend the collection.

ral Preludes. By Alec Rowley. 90 cts.

Ve have here four seasonal improvi-ns based on the hymn tunes "Win-ter New," "Good Christian Men," liger Geist," and "Eisenach." Though perhaps a bit unfair to compare these positions with the chorale preludes of Lutheran masters of the 17th and 18th uries, yet must we admit that these ters have given us such a high con-ion of what a good chorale prelude ld be like that we are a bit dis-inted in these four compositions by Rowley, whom we have known as a poser for some time and for whose ty we have great respect. Not difficult.

lienne. By Harald Wideroe. $1.20.

The subtitle reads *Before the Manger Bethlehem*. A charming Christmas ber for organ, made available in the richsen Edition of England. Of mod-e difficulty.

ral Preludes (first set). By A. L. Flay. Price for the two, 80 cents.

Mr. Flay's compositions are based on tunes "Te Lucis ante Terminum" and e King of Love." We recommend e preludes, both of which are based tunes which do not serve as *cantus* i very often. Not difficult.

'Echo' Voluntary in D Major. By John James. Edited by Kenneth Simpson. 50 cents.

An interesting little recital number written by a contemporary of Handel.

Voluntary in C Major. By Dr. Wm. Croft. Edited by Kenneth Simpson. 50 cents.

Good music by a noted English master. Quite simple.

Passacaglia, Variations and Fugue on B-A-C-H. By S. Karg-Elert. $1.75.

Many composers have based compositions on a theme made up by the four letters of Bach's name, the H being used by the Germans in place of our B natural and the German B being our B flat. Schumann, Liszt, and Reger are among the many who have done this. Mr. Karg-Elert's opus is quite monumental in character, though it reminds us at times of the work of others, notably Franz Liszt. The composition is no less than 34 pages long and can be played only by those who are highly advanced concert organists. The Hinrichsen Edition is to be commended for making such a fine job of publishing this composition, which is the last composition Mr. Karg-Elert wrote before he died in 1933.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

Ordained and Installed:

Fiege, Calvin R., ordained in Emmaus Church, South Bend, Ind., by Theodore Kleinhans, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8, installed in Immanuel Congregation, St. Charles, Mo., by Frederic Niedner, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Hannemann, Norman, in St. John's Congregation, Newcastle, and in Immanuel Congregation, Ponca, Nebr., by A. Hinz, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Luke, Harold, ordained in Our Savior Church, Detroit, Mich., by E. H. Buchheimer, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 15, and installed in Trinity Congregation, Dayton, Iowa, by C. E. Aulick, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Malinsky, Walter G., in Trinity Congregation, Burlington, and in St. Paul's Congregation, Stratton, Colo., by A. J. Abel. 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Preisinger, D. C., in Richmond Park Congregation, Edmonton, Alta., Can., by C. Klewer, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Tornow, Lothar V., ordained in Zion Church, Dale, Wis., by R. D. Tornow, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29, installed in Zion Congregation, Plumas, and in St. Paul's Congregation, McCreary, Man., Can., by A. Erthal, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Commissioned:

Burce, Willard, as missionary in New Guinea in Epiphany Church, Eau Claire, Wis., by F. J. Werth, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 22.

Gritzke, Warren W., as missionary at large in the Eastern District in Salem Church, Buffalo, N. Y., by A. F. Krueger, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.

Moellering, Ralph L., as missionary and student pastor in Vermillion, S. Dak., in First Lutheran Church, Papillion, Nebr., by H. C. Moellering, Aug. 25.

PASTORS

Installed:

Allmann, A. R., in Christ Congregation, Bazile Mills, Nebr., by P. J. Wirth, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Arndt, A., in St. Paul's Congregation, Serbin, Tex., by Paul C. Elfert, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Beltz, Eugene W., in Gethsemane Congregation, Cleveland, Ohio, by W. H. Storm, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Besel, H. C., in St. Peter's Congregation, Rocky Ford, Colo., by Paul G. Stephan, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Biel, Walter F., in St. Paul's Congregation, Havre, Mont., by John Feiertag, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Breda, W. C., in St. Peter's Congregation, Waymansville, Ind., by Edw. Hoeferkamp, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Deichmann, August G., in St. Paul's Congregation near Worden, Ill., by E. G. Meseke, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Diefenbach, O. T., in Golgotha Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by Louis H. Koehler, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Essig, Ernest H., in St. John's Congregation, Kilmanagh, Mich., by G. F. L. List, 4. Sun. p. Tr., June 20.

Frenz, Joseph, in the Congregation at Anchorage, Alaska, by Walter L. Zelle, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Fry, Henry, in Immanuel Congregation, Wahpeton, N. Dak., by W. Hannemann, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Gose, P. E., in Immanuel Congregation, Pleasant Grove, Mo., by F. A. Baepler, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5, and in Immanuel Congregation, Jamestown, Mo., by W. H. Schwab, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Grueber, L. C. C., as institutional missionary, Traverse City, Mich., by Werner Kuntz, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Heilman, Carl W., in St. John's Congregation, Lawton, Okla., by Ralph H. Young, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Hill, K. K., in Immanuel Congregation, Eagle Bend, and in St. Matthew's Congregation, Germania Twp., Minn., by R. E. Lehman, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Inselmann, H. C., in St. Mark's Congregation, Ruskin, Nebr., by E. B. Hilst, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Kirk, Walter A., in Holy Cross Congregation, Wichita, Kans., by L. H. Deffner, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Middendorf, H. A., in St. Luke's Congregation, Wheaton, Kans., by R. Hildebrandt, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Naumann, M. J., as Professor of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., by Pres. E. P. Tonn, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Pfotenhauer, Norman, in St. Paul's Congregation, Nanaimo, B. C., Can., by E. A. Biberdorf, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Rengstorf, W. H., in Immanuel Congregation, Belvidere, Ill., by D. J. Kramer, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Streufert, Norman, in Elim Congregation, Ramona Park, St. Louis, Mo., by Dr. F. C. Streufert, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Stuebe, Clarence, in Immanuel Congregation, Ellsworth, Kans., by H. C. Lubeck, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Walther, Paul, in St. John's Congregation, Akeley, Minn., by C. J. A. Nissen, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 8.

Weisenborn, Frederick, in the Mission Congregation, Lafayette, La., by P. J. Schmidt, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 22.

Wendland, Walter H., in Trinity Congregation, Murdoch, Nebr., by Melvin H. Meyer, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Wiening, John H., in St. Paul's Congregation, Union Grove, Wis., by A. J. Schulz, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

TEACHERS

Banke, H. W., in St. Mark's Congregation, New Germany, Minn., by E. Schwandt, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Becker, Gerhardt, in St. John's Congregation, Forest Park, Ill., by Ed. W. Koehler, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Becker, Walter F., in Timothy Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by Otto G. Thieme, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Beer, L. W., in Trinity Congregation, Utica, Mich., by L. Heinecke, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Bendick, Richard, in St. John's Congregation, Calumet City, Ill., by Albert Krahenbil, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Bittner, Cand. Eldor W., in Our Redeemer Congregation, North Platte, Nebr., by Alfred Saeger, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 15.

Bunsold, Elmer, in Redeemer Congregation, Louisville, Ky., by O. A. Schedler, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Burroughs, M. E., in Salem Congregation, Farrar, Mo., by W. F. Dommer, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.

Eggert, E. W., in Zion Congregation, Maywood, Calif., by R. G. Finke, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Ehlers, John, in St. John's Congregation, Merrill, Wis., by W. Sievers, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Einspahr, Cand. Glenn C., in Grace Congregation, Kansas City, Kans., by Rud. W. Scheffel, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 22.

Elser, Cand. David, in St. Paul's Congregation, Westlake, Ohio, by Wm. J. Single, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Fritze, Walter, in St. Paulus Congregation, San Francisco, Calif., by Arthur C. Nitz, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Grabau, Herbert, in Redemption Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by E. W. Nuelken, Sept. 8.
Grundmann, Fred, in Emmaus Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by R. J. Torgler, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Hasemann, R. E., in St. Paul's Congregation, San Antonio, Tex., by R. Wiederaenders, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Hasz, Rev. Richard E., in Zion Congregation, Lincoln, Mo., by J. A. E. Bauer, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 22.
Kamprath, Wm. M., in Zion Congregation, Terra Bella, Calif., by Paul E. Jacobs, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Klammer, W. C., in St. John's Congregation, Wykoff, Minn., by A. F. Mock, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 15.
Knauft, Cand. Theo., in Zion Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by Carl L. Abel, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Leimer, Harold A., in Gethsemane Congregation, Lemay, St. Louis, Mo., by Aug. K. Stenzel, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Middeldorf, Cand. Carl W., in Immanuel Congregation, Sandy, Oreg., by N. E. Dey, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Mueller, Cand. Martin, in Bethany Congregation, Houston, Tex., by H. Plackemeier, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Nohl, Cand. Frederick, in St. Paul's Congregation, Kankakee, Ill., by Carl F. Haller, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Pelz, Cand. Walter, in Immanuel Congregation, Seymour, Ind., by Victor A. Mack, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Riekenberg, H. W., in Christ Congregation, Norfolk, Nebr., by Albert T. Bostelmann, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Rogner, Floyd H., in St. John's Congregation, Mayville, Wis., by Walter P. Stoehr, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Rolf, E. A., in Peace Congregation, Saginaw, Mich., by L. F. Weber, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Staffeld, Donald, in Immanuel Congregation, Plainview, Minn., by Theo. Schoewe, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Teschke, Cand. Arthur, in Timothy Congregation, Chicago, Ill., by O. G. Thieme, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Toensing, Herbert, in Grace Congregation, Wellston, Mo., by Theo. F. Walther, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Trinklein, Carl, in Trinity Congregation, Norborne, Mo., by O. G. Tiemann, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Wehmueller, Wilbert, in Trinity Congregation, Port Huron, Mich., by Otto H. Pfotenhauer, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.

Cornerstone Laying

Caseyville, Ill. (Fairview District). St. Paul's Congregation (Ernest L. Gerike) for a new church, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Hartley, Iowa. St. Paul's Congregation (A. C. Weber) for a new church, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.
Marshfield, Mo. St. Paul's Congregation (O. Hellwege) for a new church, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Onarga, Ill. Trinity Congregation (W. C. A. Martens) for a new church, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Prairie View, Ill. St. Matthew's Congregation (Paul G. Gerth) for a new church, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Sisseton, S. Dak. Emanuel Congregation (A. G. Schwab) for their relocated church, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Wellsville, Mo. Trinity Congregation (P. J. Schabacker) for a new church, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Dedications

Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The new pipe organ of Gethsemane Congregation (Eugene W. Beltz), 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 12.
East Grand Forks, Minn. The new basement unit of First Lutheran Church (Millard T. Wolfram), 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Holyrood, Kans. The new organ of St. Peter's Congregation (O. F. Henning), 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Lyons, Nebr. The new pipe organ of St. John's Congregation (E. A. Freiburger), 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
New Castle, Pa. The new organ of Christ Congregation (M. H. Lobeck), 14. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 29.
Rising City, Nebr. The new organ of Immanuel Congregation (Edw. Beckler), 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Shelby, Mich. The new organ of St. Stephen's Congregation (Martin H. Sonntag), 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.
Shelbyville, Ill. The new parish house of Holy Cross Congregation (Melvin L. Dake), Sept. 8.
Wauneta, Nebr. The new church of Redeemer Congregation (C. P. Pebler), 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 22.

Anniversaries

Collinsville, Ill. Holy Cross Congregation (T. and F. Roschke), the 100th, 12. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 15.
Meta (Babbtown), Mo. St. John's Congregation (E. Wein), the 75th, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 11, also the 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 5.

Conferences

Pastors':

South Minnetonka, Oct. 28, 29, Concordia College, St. Paul. Amos for Our Times: Brill. The Beatitudes: Bouman. Evaluation of the *Christian Century* Position Regarding Church and State: Geske. Status of Released Time in Minnesota: Boettcher. Reports and Questions of Casuistry. Sermons: Confessional: O. Graupner (H. Beltz). pastoral: A. Vomhof (P. Brauer). — G. BEHNKE, *Sec.*

Lake Erie, English District, Oct. 5—7, Detroit, Mich., St. Mark's, O. E. Marohn, pastor. Divine-Human Encounter: H. V. Mueller. 2 Pet. 3: W. Geffert. How Much of S. Freud's Psychoanalytical System Is of Value to the Pastor: E. Kurth. How to Improve Singing in Our Churches: P. Boester. Adult Education Workshop: O. E. Feucht. Millennialism, Emphasis on O. T. Passages: A. Ruff. Preaching Today: H. Kleiner. Management and Labor, Christian Principles: J. F. Yount. Conference Sermon: J. Streit (E. Sterz). — GORDON W. MEYER, *Sec.*

Teachers':

Buffalo District Teachers', Oct. 11, Hope Lutheran School, Niagara Falls, N. Y. — ARNOLD F. NUOFFER, *Sec.*

Pastors' and Teachers':

Southern Indiana — Ohio Pastors' and Teachers', Oct. 20—22. *Joint Session:* Wednesday P. M.: Divinity of the Call as It Applies to Pastors and Teachers: J. Theodore Destinon. Visual Aids: E. Tieman. Exegesis of Eph. 2: 19—22: N. Schumm. Friday A. M.: Relation of Church Boards to the Ministry: R. Guelzow. Exegesis of Eph. 3: O. Linnemeier. Principles and Methods in the Admission of Children of Non-Lutherans into Our Schools and Gaining Their Parents: Theo. Meibohm. *Pastors' Session:* Thursday A. M.: Sermon on the Mount: W. Fehrmann. Sermon Introduction: A. Winters. Function of Case Work Agencies in the Work of the Church: A. Deke. Thursday P. M.: Sola Scriptura: P. F. Bente. Recent Trends in Reformed Theology: G. Sydow. Unionism or Separatism: O. A. Schedler. *Teachers' Session:* Thursday A. M.: Story of Samson: A. Mueller. Teaching the Art of How to Study: D. Ude. Discipline Methods: J. Toenjes. Thursday P. M.: Study of Various Children's Services in the Church: O. Schnackenberg. Recent Government Legislation that has Affected or may Affect Our Schools: Supt. Gernand. — Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.: Conference service with Communion. — Sessions and services at Concordia Church, H. Berner, pastor, 1524 Race St., Cincinnati 10, Ohio. Announcements to host by Oct. 15. — E. H. ZIMMERMANN, *Secretary.*

Announcements

Pastor E. O. Koch has been appointed Visitor of the Peoria Circuit in the place of Pastor Theo. A. Weiss, who could not serve as Visitor, because he already holds an elective office in the District. — E. F. TONN, *President of the Central Illinois District.*

Pleasant Plains, Ill., Sept. 15, 1948

Nominations

for the Presidency of Lutheran Concordia College, Austin, Texas

Dr. Einar Anderson, Saginaw, Mich.: Trinity, Milwaukee.
Prof. George J. Beto, M. A., Austin, Tex.: St. Mark, Waco; Trinity, Port Arthur; Immanuel, Temple; Grace, Brownwood; St. Paul's, Hamilton; Salem, Malone; Trinity, Austin; Grace, Smithville; Zion, Walburg; St. Paul's, Thorndale; Grace, Cisco; Zion, Vernon; Trinity, Navasota, Tex.; St. Stephen's, Horicon, Wis.; Christ, Taylor; Christ, Austin, Tex.
Rev. C. W. Dukewits, Natoma, Kans.: Trinity, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Rev. Julius V. Kimpel, M. A., B. D., Parsons, Kans.: Immanuel, Tyro, Kans.
Rev. Arthur J. Meyer, St. Louis, Mo.: St. Paul, Fort Worth; Our Savior, Houston, Tex.
Rev. Edgar J. Mundinger, Kansas City, Kans.: Trinity, Mission, Kans.
Prof. Martin J. Neeb, Chicago, Ill.: St. John, Corpus Christi, Tex.: St. Paul's, Shreveport 65, La.; St. Paul, Bishop, Tex.
Prof. A. W. Reese, Fort Wayne, Ind.: Immanuel, Hood River, Oreg.
Mr. E. E. Sauer, Pasadena 5, Calif.: Messiah, Downey, Calif.
Prof. Walter F. Wolbrecht, Seward, Nebr.: Bethany, Chicago.

Any communications regarding the ca dates should be in the hands of Prof. G. V weg, Concordia College, Austin, Tex., Nov. 15. — R. LESCHEBER, *Secretary of the B of Control.*

Synodical District Convention

The Convention of the Montana Distric Synod will be held Oct. 12—15 at Great F Mont. (Trinity, E. T. Leckband, pastor, Zion, P. Ernst, pastor). Essay: "Christian ucation," by Arthur L. Miller. — J. W. Ci BERS, *Sec.*

Synod's New Department of Public Relations

on Sept. 1 established Headquarters at Broadway, New York 23, N. Y. The Wash ton office of the Public Relations Departi will be opened shortly at 736 Jackson Pl., N Washington 6, D. C.

Please address all communications at time to the New York Headquarters. — Os HOFFMANN, *Director of Public Relations.*

Wanted

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, rec organized mission congregation at Dear Mich., needs *church pews.* Any congreg having these for sale at a reasonable price freight charges, please write to REV. Ro BANNON, 24038 Notre Dame Ave., Dear Mich.

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Congregation Livermore, Iowa, is looking for good sec hand church pews. Any congregation ha pews for sale, please contact REV. H. W. M LER, Livermore, Iowa.

A *dentist* at Burkburnett, Tex. A fine o ing exists. The Men's Club of Grace Luth Church is interested in having a *Lutheran* fill this position. For further informa please address REV. HENRY C. SCHROEDER, Ave. E, Burkburnett, Tex.

A *general medical practitioner* is neede beautiful western North Carolina town fine general hospital. Unusual opportunit offered because of two deaths recently in medical profession in the community. Miss Lutheran church. Contact at once Charle Bachman, pastor, Trinity Lutheran Chu Rutherfordton, N. C. *Also* excellent opportu for *dentist* and retail *baker.*

Requests

Anyone knowing of Negro Lutherans o Negroes who might be prospects for the theran Church living in or near San D Calif., should communicate at once with KURT BRINK, 1627 48th St., San Diego 2, C

Pastors having members living in or mo to Findlay, Ohio, or neighboring cities, sh contact REV. FRED. A. SCHROEDER, 714 Cherry Findlay, Ohio.

Anyone knowing of Lutherans who have cently moved into the Gadsden, Ala., please notify REV. MARLIN MENTZ, 850 W St., Gadsden, Ala.

Anyone knowing of Lutherans living i around Athens, Huntsville, and Decatur, please contact REV. ROBERT O. MASCHKE, Sherman St., Decatur, Ala.

Needed

Christ Lutheran Church, Tulia, Tex., a sion congregation, is in need of a small *organ* or a *reed* organ. Please write ERNEST A. BECK, Box 18, Tulia, Tex.

Trinity Lutheran Mission, Auburn, Ala badly in need of *altar ware,* and will be h to pay shipping charges on any discarded serviceable ware that you might have. P address: REV. VERNON BORIACK, 220½ S. St., Auburn, Ala.

Our mission congregation in Winegar, is in need of church furnishings — *altar, pu pews, lectern, font.* Congregations wishin sell cheaply or donate any of these items asked to contact REV. A. F. WEDEL, 307 N. M Bessemer, Mich.

Available

A 28-inch, 360 lb. *bell* for sale. Tr Lutheran Church, Malcolm, Nebr. REV. FINNIGSMIER, *pastor.*

More than 200 green and black hymnals edition, but in good condition, are availab a mission congregation upon application. W REV. KARL SCHLERF, Uptown Bethany Chu 5950 N. Magnolia Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Adell, offers as a gift the following items to congregation willing to pay for their tr portation: *pulpit, 4 ceiling lights, 2 colle plates, altar top, 2 Communion knee benches.* Address inquiries to REV. PAU LAABS, Adell, Wis.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts February 1, 1948, to August 31, 1948

Districts	Budget Accounts
lberta and Br. Columbia	$ 3,548.10
rgentina	62.00
lantic	30,716.02
razil	—
lifornia and Nevada	6,769.79
ntral	145,750.71
ntral Illinois	47,422.66
lorado	6,689.58
stern	35,239.66
nglish	75,345.23
orida-Georgia	2,526.91
wa-East	22,500.00
13. Iowa-West	62,772.77
14. Kansas	20,580.02
15. Manitoba & Saskatchewan	1,058.10
16. Michigan	137,923.06
17. Minnesota	97,172.04
18. Montana	2,188.76
19. North Dakota	8,177.57
20. North Wisconsin	49,166.62
21. Northern Illinois	141,866.76
22. Northern Nebraska	19,238.78
23. Oklahoma	3,905.92
24. Ontario	11,126.28
25. Oregon and Washington	12,068.63
26. South Dakota	6,789.33
27. South Wisconsin	94,592.08
28. Southeastern	11,825.12
29. Southern	7,966.09
30. Southern California	7,814.97
31. Southern Illinois	25,367.09
32. Southern Nebraska	23,138.17
33. Texas	9,983.15
34. Western	114,787.25
Total from Districts	$1,246,079.22
From L. L. L. Endowment Fd.	26,575.48
From Other Sources	5,897.38
GRAND TOTAL	$1,278,552.08

Operating Statement

	1947	1948
et Requirements, 2/1 to 8/31	$1,691,666.67	$2,100,000.00
et Receipts, 2/1 to 8/31	1,211,124.15	1,278,552.08
ting Deficit, 2/1 to 8/31	$ 480,542.52	$ 821,447.92

here seems to be a demand in some parts that the Treasurer's publish a monthly statement of the condition of Synod's ry. For years we have been confining ourselves to the ation of a statement of receipts for budgetary purposes. ng the demand that has come to us, we are here making nthly statement covering the budgetary requirements of and their relation to the receipts. Immediately above there is such an operating statement that shows what the budgetary requirements are, the amount that has been received for budgetary purposes, and the operating deficit. For your information we are bringing the comparable facts of a year ago.

The budgetary requirements of Synod are rather fixed and constant. Nearly the same amount is needed every month. Hence we may presume that our budgetary disbursements will continue at approximately $300,000 a month. Any improvement in the condition must, therefore, come from increased receipts. To reduce the operating deficit, our monthly receipts will have to exceed $300,000. This must be our sincere hope and purpose for the rest of 1948. THEO. W. ECKHART, *Assistant Treasurer*

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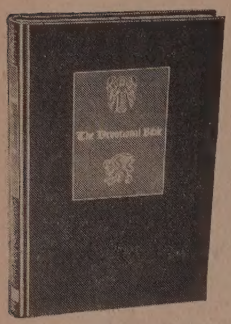

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